Uttaranchal, Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Bihar, Jharkhand, Andhra Pradesh, Assam, West Bengal, Orissa, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka, during the Rabi Season of 2003-04.

New CNG pumps

1476. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to reduce the CNG price in future; and

(b) the details of new CNG Pumps proposed to be set up in the country during the next year, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) CNG prices are linked to natural gas prices which are envisaged to be fully market related in future.

(b) There are a number of companies, both in public sector and private sector, who are engaged in City Gas Distribution Projects in different States. Number of CNG stations that would be set up in a phased manner would depend upon the number of vehicles that may convert to CNG.

Ethanol blending in Uttar Pradesh

1477. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Uttar Pradesh, which is a sugarcane producing State, having large number of sugar mills, has been given license for ethanol blending; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor and by when, it is likely to be given?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) and (b) The